IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: James William Rogers

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and Methods for Fabricating the Same

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Rogers:

This is a Response to the Advisory Action mailed on October 20, 2008, and to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2008.